



**Lewis and Clark County  
Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council  
Zoom Conference Room**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

**11:30am-12:30pm**

**Leadership Team:** Matt Furlong, Past Chair and Marvin Colman, Vice Chair. Drenda Niemann, Chair  
excused absence

**Minutes**

**I. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2020 – Approved with no changes**

Number of participants on call: 17

**II. COVID19 Statement from Drenda-Jolene**

Jolene read Drenda's COVID19 status update in her absence. Statement included; Testing, increased cases, safe practices and resources on COVID19.

**III. Legislative Forum Breakfast Update/Workgroup 2 – Matt**

- a. Date for Legislative Forum is Friday, December 11, 2020.
- b. Will be remote programming only on Zoom
- c. Legislative Work Group formed from across the area for Tri-County representation to make a bigger impact. Google docs will be sent out with stakeholders and those we want to give a 5-minute presentation during the Forum. Two bills will be addressed at Forum; Telehealth & Handle with Care.
- d. Allowances for Telehealth draft of bill should include telephone to meet the needs of those that do not have internet.
- e. Information on bills and more will be sent out by Matt when he has complete information packet.
- f. Resource Guide (added to agenda) – Plans to revise from 2019 and with a workgroup for 2020. Options on making sustainable and funding support offered by AMDD for cost of printing. If anyone interested in helping with this workgroup-please contact Matt Furlong.

**IV. Strategic Planning Overview – Jolene**

Dan Clark of MSU Local Governance Center, was contacted for a return performance on strategic planning for LAC. He last consulted in 2018. Discussion revolved around LAC's strategic planning needs for early 2021 and structural options with current climate and cost with BH Specialist assisting Dan.

Hybrid format is planned around a core 2-hour in-person meeting which was tentatively scheduled for 2.2.21, a regularly scheduled LAC meeting day with an extended time from

12noon-2pm. Location TBD for some a small group meeting in-person and remote participation an option on ZOOM with safe practices remaining in force at that time.

Surveys and other working groups are possible pre and post-2.21 meeting date.

Dan will be leading Strategic Consulting and Jolene will assist to keep costs down to an estimated \$1,200-final quote pending but will be a savings from previous strategy consulting cost for an estimated savings of \$2k. Please save the date of Tuesday, 2.2.21 from 12-2pm.

## **LAC Barriers to Participation Survey – Jolene and Matt**

Status of participants were 4 to date. *Further participation needed. Matt requested members click on link and complete one-minute survey now. Thank you.*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BHLAC2020>

## **V. Public Comments and Action Response from Commissioner Sean Logan**

City Commission is continuing its review of HPD's Community Policing Meetings and moving into the work session portion of this process. Subgroups will be planned. When scheduling is finalized and dates are set, LCPH will receive notice to share with LAC. Reported by Jolene on Sean's behalf

Stress Resilience Training offered monthly by Big Sky Way under the LCPH SAMHSA COVID-19 Grant for healthcare practitioners, first and front-line responders. Jolene provided experience with training at first session.-Jolene

Star T training by Andy Low regarding resilience that helps to build cross-sectional partnerships. Developed by COAD, level 1-2-3. Train the Trainer is another option-Matt.

Family member from community whose daughter is in jail for an extended period. Looking for help with situation to get daughter with mental health issues to state hospital. Detention Center responded to Matt's inquiry identifying unfortunate circumstances in system and nothing else county can do at this time-it's a challenging circumstance and many avenues have and are being pursued. This is an example how the system can be improved.

Concert event or any other large event that happened last weekend was identified by Marvin C as issue and wanting to know who to contact when they know of events like this that happens. Sanitarians take these calls.

### ***Action Steps:***

Send information on bills and more will be sent out by Matt when he has complete information packet-Matt Furlong.

Resource Guide Workgroup- Revising from 12.2019 version plus improvements-all interested contact Matt Furlong.

**Next Meeting Date: ~~Rescheduled from Election Day~~ Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**to Thursday, November 5th, 2020 @11:30am**